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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Mail Stop 313(c) Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	08/876,839
	Filing Date	June 16, 1997
	First Named Inventor	Holt, et al.
	Art Unit	2642
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/(reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other:

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).
- b. ☒ Other: *Petition to Withdraw from Issue Under 37 CFR 1.313*

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to credit any overpayments or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) in the amount of 750.00.
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §1.136 and 1.17) (months EOT) in the amount of
- iii. ☒ Other: *\$36.00 for additional claims charge(s) AND \$130 for Filing Fee*
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed.
- c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

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